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SUBJECT: GUINEAN RECOGNITION OF ANGOLA AND MPLA

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1. IN SOLEMN "MESSAGE TO ANGOLAN PEOPLE" READ OVER RADIO CONAKRY
SEKOU TOURE HAS ANNOUNCED GUINEAN RECOGNITION OF MPLA AND
IMMEDIATE ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. HE APPEALED TO ALL
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AFRICAN STATES AND FRIENDS OF AFRICA TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AND ACCORD

IT FULL SUPPORT AGAINST FORCES IN "STATE OF AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLAN PEOPLE." TOURE CLAIMED THAT INTERESTS NOW SUPPORTING "SECESSION OF CABINDA" WERE THOSE WHICH PREVIOUSLY SUPPORTED KATANGA. HE CASTIGATED INTERVENTION BY SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES, BUT THIS TIME MADE NO DIRECT MENTION OF ZAIRE.

2. DURING NOV 11 MEETING ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS FOREIGN MINISTRY (BANGALY DABO), DCM MECKGNE THAT USG HAD REFRAINED FROM TAKING SIDES IN WHAT WE REGARDED AS AN ANGOLA AND AFRICAN PROBLEM. USG HAD THOUGHT THAT GOG AGREED WITH AMERICAN POSITION THAT GREAT POWER INTERVENTION IN AFRICAN AFFAIRS WOULD BE DIVISIVE AND HARMFUL. WE HAD NOTED OUTSPOKEN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR MPLA, AND WONDERED HOW GOG NOW VIEWED THIS MATTER.

3. WHILE REITERATING GOG SUPPORT FOR MPLA, DABO APPEARED SOMEWHAT ON DEFENSIVE IN RETRACING LONG HISTORY (BEGINNING EARLY 1960') OF GUINEAN RELATIONS WITH MPLA, AND SEEMED TO ATTEMPT DISASSOCIATE GUINEAN POSITION FROM THAT OF SOVIETS. HE AGREED WITH US THAT ANGOLAN QUESTIONS WERE PURELY INTERNAL MATTER -- AT MOST INTERNAL AFRICAN MATTER. GREAT POWER INTERVENTION WAS NOT HELPFUL. ONLY AT END OF LONG PRESENTATION OF GUINEAN POSITION DID DABO DEFEND RUSSIAN SUPPORT FOR MPLA ON GROUNDS THAT "AS EVERYONE KNEW" SOVIETS HAD BEEN TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER OF ARMS.

4. DCM COMMENTED THAT USG VIEWED SITUATION IN ANGOLA AS FAR FROM CLEAR, SINCE NONE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS APPEARED IN POSITION TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF COUNTRY.
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